GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
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QUALITY OF PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the item-wise/value-wise details of the products purchased by the Government departments/agencies from small sector industry during the last three years;

(b) whether the quality of these products is comparable with those products being produced by big companies in private sector;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to improve the quality of products produced in small sector industry?

Answer

MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTREPRISES (SHRI VIRBHADRA SINGH)

(a) The Directorate General of Supplies and Disposals (DGS&D) is the nodal agency of the Government for purchase policy and procedure. The DGS&D enters into Rate Contracts for common user items required on recurring basis by the Central/State Governments and Public Sector Undertaking (PSUs). As per the data furnished by the DGS&D, the value of the purchases made against DGS&D contracts by different Government agencies from micro and small enterprises (MSE) sector during the last three years is as under:

Year	Rupees in crores
2007-08	1027
2008-09	1510
2009-10	2134

(b)to(d)The DGS&D contracts stipulate the governing specifications for products. The DGS&D has informed that all suppliers, including micro and small enterprises, against these contracts meet the requirements of the governing specifications of contracts/benchmark.